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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1060

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TAGS: CASC (WILSON, JAMES WILLIAM), TO

SUBJ: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

REF: LOME 1825

1. WILSON STOPPED BY EMBASSY BRIEFLY AFTERNOON AUGUST 23 TO REPORT HE WAS EN ROUTE JUSTICE MINISTRY FROM GENDARMERIE CAMP TO BE PRESENT WHEN DECISION MADE TO PROSECUTE HIM OR RELEASE HIM. HE BELIEVES HE HAS SIXTY PERCENT CHANCE OF BEING RELEASED AND BEING PERMITTED RETURN HIS FORMER JOB AS MANAGER OF TOGOLESE DETERGENT COMPANY, PROVIDED HE PAYS PROMPTLY WHAT TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES HE OWES COMPANY.

2. WILSON ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE TIFA, LTD, OFFICIAL WITH WHOM DEPARTMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY DEALT IN THIS CASE, AND REQUEST TIFA SEND \$5,000 RPT \$5,000 IMMEDIATELY TO WILSON HERE IN LOME. IF TIFA'S RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE, WILSON WILL SEND INSTRUCTIONS VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE AS TO HOW TO TRANSFER FUNDS.

3. MORNING AUGUST 23 WILSON'S LAWYER, MESSAN MATHE, VISITED EMBASSY AND GAVE CONOFF CONSIDERABLY BLEAKER VERSION OF WHAT WILSON NOW FACES. MATHE SAID BE BELIEVED WILSON'S CHANCES OF BEING FORMALLY CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT IN NEXT FEW DAYS WERE ABOUT FIFTY-FIFTY, AND THAT UNLESS TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT GRANTS BAIL WILSON COULD REMAIN IN PRISON FROM SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS

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BEFORE HIS CASE IS HEARD BY SPECIAL TRIBUNAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE TELEPHONE TIFA, LTD, AS OUTLINED  
PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE AND ADVISE TIFA RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE  
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